



## **Senior Research Specialist - Transport CAREC Institute Terms of Reference**

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute (CAREC Institute, CI) is looking for a **Senior Research Specialist in Transport**, an international staff position within the *Research Division (RD)*. **This position is open to candidates worldwide.**

CI is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting economic cooperation and integration in CAREC region and along the Silk Road through knowledge generation and sharing. It is headquartered in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The CAREC Institute is jointly shared, owned, and governed by eleven member countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the PRC, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. It serves as the knowledge support arm of the CAREC Program. Acting as a knowledge connector, the CAREC Institute integrates the efforts of the five CAREC operational clusters (Economic and Financial Stability, Trade, Tourism, and Economic Corridors, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Agriculture and Water, and Human Development) to ensure coherence in the design and implementation of policies, programs, and projects to promote regional economic cooperation and integration.

### **Functions and Responsibilities**

- Lead and conduct research projects, reports, policy analysis, briefs, and other publications on cross-border transport, connectivity, and corridor development.
- Engaged with CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring (CPMM) research and dissemination activities.
- Manage and complete at least two transport sector research projects annually.
- Stay abreast of recent developments in the CAREC transport sector and cross-cutting issues, identifying knowledge gaps and delivering relevant knowledge to stakeholders.
- Support analytical and advisory engagements in the research projects and activities of the CAREC transport sector and relevant government agencies.

- Collaborate with member countries, international organizations, developing partners, research institutions, and policymakers to exchange knowledge and best practices in transport sector.
- Prepare speeches, presentations and other documents relevant to the Research Division's activities.
- Assist in preparing annual work plans, budgets, progress reports, and fundraising activities for the Research Division.
- Contribute to and participate in CI events, workshops, and forums related to the transport sector.
- Contribute to internal and external review processes of CI knowledge products.
- Any other relevant duties as assigned by the supervisor.

**Qualifications and Selection Criteria:**

- A full-time Ph.D. in transport economics, transport planning or related fields.
- At least 10 years of professional experience in transport-related research or policy.
- Experience with think tanks or international organizations will be an advantage.
- Strong understanding of transport development and policies in the CAREC region.
- Familiarity with connectivity and sustainability agendas within the CAREC region.
- Demonstrated track record of research publications, including working papers, peer-reviewed journals, or significant contributions to policy reports.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English.

**Immediate Reporting Relationships:**

- The Senior Research Specialist in Transport reports to Chief of the Research Division.

**Other Information:**

- This is a 3-year fixed-term appointment with a possible extension.
- The CI offers an internationally competitive compensation package and flexible work arrangements.